

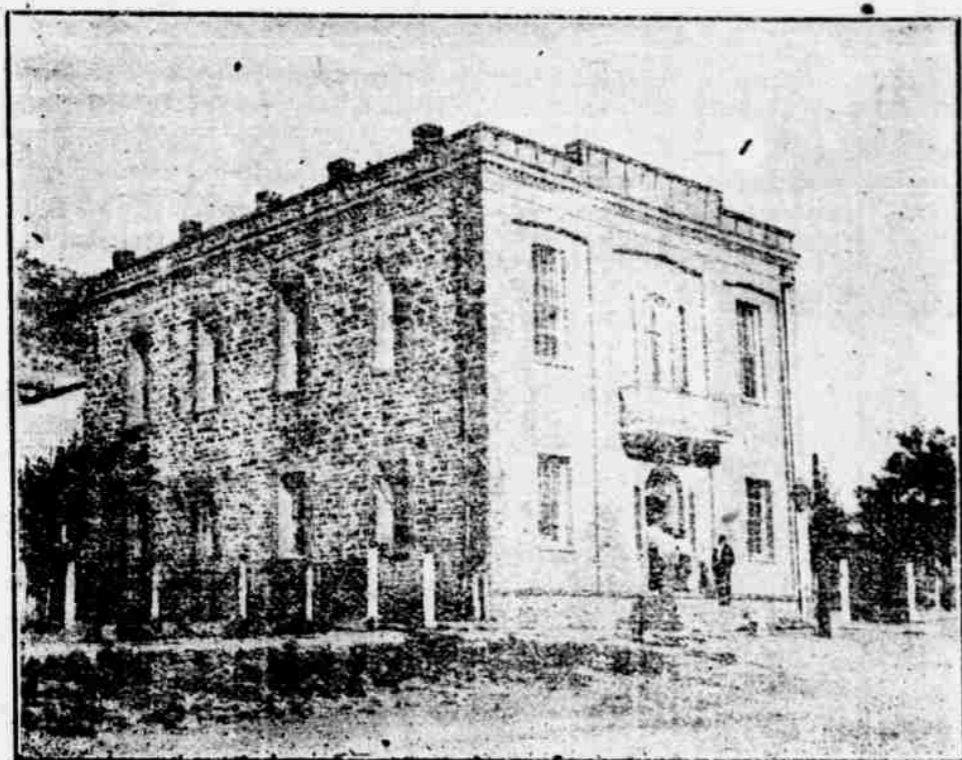
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## Seat Of Government In Lincoln County



### Court House Which Meets Present Needs

#### Speech of Hon. Wm. E. Orr

At Panaca Friday Evening, August 23rd, on Removal of the County Seat

Mr. Chairman, Fellow Citizens, will not have, as you have not had a voice in the making? No, My confidence in the citizenship of Lincoln county teaches me, that they shall say to those, who through nothing more than personal avarice and greed, are attempting to place upon the brow of the honest toiler—the citizens who intend to reside here—permanently and surround themselves with taxable property, you shall say to them, that they shall not place upon your brow a burden of taxation which shall deplete your labor; which shall take from you to unnecessarily pour into the pockets of a few—hard earned dollars, which are yours by right for use in the education of your children and the further beautifying of your homes. I can see no other end if the removal of the county seat is allowed. Answer me in all fairness, Can you find one logical reason why the seat of government should be removed to Caliente? I dare say you cannot. Will it be of more convenience to a greater number of people? I deny it. Will it be removed to a place of more permanence than the present site? I deny it. Is Caliente the most feasible site for the County Seat in Lincoln County? Emphatically not. I say, and am not doing it because of the place in which I am speaking, but because I mean it, that if we start to move the county seat, let us benefit ourselves; let us remove to some place more permanent; more centrally located and more adapted by environment for our seat of government. And I say to you when we do that, we will not go to Caliente. We will unload it where the train whistles for the thriving and beautiful little town of Panaca.

#### Consider The Finances

Now let us consider the present condition of the finances of the county and ascertain just the position we are in to talk about the incurring of more taxes. As you understand, we are burdened with our share of a debt of \$135,000, on which at the present time we have a levy of 30 cents with which to raise interest. This interest runs for ten years, and thereafter for twenty years—one twentieth of the amount must be paid. This will add a tremendous burden to the taxpayer—one with which it will be all we can do to contend and will not permit of added taxation. You will note that I have assumed we will be burdened with a tax. I do this upon the theory that the protestation of Caliente that she will raise all necessary money is not tenable. She has pledged \$10,000.00—which will not begin to build suitable quarters, and the County Commissioners, will of necessity, be under

the obligation of adding to the quarters which the \$10,000.00 might build.

What has been the experience in the past? From one end of the county to the other a cry went up, reinforced by recommendation of a grand jury that a new jail be built which, in the name of humanity, so that the former could no longer be used as a prison. It was created, would not be a stench in the nostrils of the community. How much did it cost? The record will show over \$10,000.00. Are we going to abandon this and revert to the conditions for which we were criticized? If we take the \$10,000.00 offered by Caliente and build a jail we have that and nothing else. When you stop to consider the conditions, how ridiculous it all seems.

#### How To Combat Proposition

Now comes the proposition of how we can combat this ridiculous move. It can be done; needing but the co-operation of every person who has no personal axe to grind. It can be done by defeating the nomination every one of the legislators who stand for this folly.

Have we reason to do this? Yes, a very sufficient reason, that a person who countenances this proposition is an enemy to the interest of the county as a whole; and by your ballots, make no mistake in its casting. We have as pledged against the proposition for the office of State Senator, Hon. J. D. Campbell on the Republican ticket and Hon. Chas. Lee Horsey upon the Democratic ticket. For the Assembly, only A. V. Lee and James E. Price. No opposition appears in the Republican ranks to the nominees for the Assembly—and they are both pledged to the removal. It is not a time for the expression of political faith, nor personal preferences. It is a time for defeating a great menace. We must work in harmony for its defeat in the most effective manner.

You understand that, under our present primary system only one ticket can be voted. If you indicate your political faith as a Democrat, then, only those names appearing under that heading can be voted, and so on throughout the different parties. Voters, be not deceived. Consider well your ballot, and have care that when you place it in the ballot box it will register a protest against the removal of the county seat, effectively and conclusively. The more you have in the legislature, the more certain you can remain that the movement will be defeated.

#### PIOCHE PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

M. L. Lee and E. Kahn visited the properties of the Valley View Farming company in Panaca valley this week.

#### DEMOCRATIC RALLY AT OPERA HOUSE MONDAY

A Democratic rally will be held at Thompson's opera house next Monday evening at which Chas. Lee Horsey, candidate for state senator; A. V. Lee and J. E. Price, candidates for the assembly; and W. E. Orr, candidate for district attorney, will be the speakers. All these candidates are unalterably opposed to the moving of the county seat and have made that one of the issues of their campaign throughout the county.

#### GOSSIP OF OUR CORRESPONDENTS THAT MAY OR MAY NOT INTEREST YOU

PANACA, Nevada, Aug. 29.—The two new high school teachers, Miss Geisler and Mr. Reber, are expected the latter part of the week. Mr. Reber's family will follow him later. The normal teacher is also expected soon.

Mr. Morris, who has been attending the summer school for teachers at Reno, arrived home last Friday. He brings encouraging news from headquarters for the school work. He went to Caliente on Wednesday to meet Mrs. Morris and their two children who have been spending the summer at Minersville, Utah.

Miss Lela Ronnow will go to Las Vegas on Saturday. She intends to spend a week there and then attend the state conference at St. Thomas. Several others about town intend to go to the conference also.

Mrs. Henry Lee and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Edwards, who have been visiting Yellowstone Park, came up from Caliente on Sunday. The immediate relatives of the bride couple were entertained at an elegant dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ronnow. The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Edwards paid them a visit in the evening headed by the band and a general good time ensued.

Mrs. Reed intends to leave soon for Las Vegas where she will make her home in the future.

Walter Long has been unfortunately disabled for a week and has been unable to attend to his work.

#### Caliente

J. B. Lewis arrived from Las Vegas during the week.

Harry Ryan, well known in this section, arrived a few days ago from Reno, where he has been employed the past eighteen months.

Miss Dora Styles, from Oasis, arrived during the week and is employed by Mrs. Hans Olson.

Several Panaca residents were in town during the past week, among them Prof. Miles of the high school.

Mr. Cramer, superintendent of machinery, spent a few days in town during the week, accompanied by his wife. They departed for Las Vegas Friday.

"Billie" Denton says he will make the run for sheriff if J. A. Denton is defeated.

Ray Sutton, the popular salesman, was in town Tuesday interviewing business men.

### PLAIN BUSINESS VIEW

Of the County Seat Removal Question as Expressed by Frank E. Caffey, a Former Resident of Pioche and Caliente

Salt Lake City, Aug. 24, 1912.  
Mr. Ed Freudenthal and Associates, Pioche, Nev.

Dear Sir and Friends: I enclose the petition sent to my wife properly signed. I have also taken the liberty of signing The Pioche Mercantile Co.'s name, as we still own a house in Pioche just above Sullivan's barn. Mr. Milton Lee is our agent for the property. I would consider it a great misfortune to the taxpayers of Lincoln county, Nevada to have their county seat moved at this time. In forty years' residence in different parts of the west, I have never known any county's assessment as high as yours is at the present time. The financial condition of your county and people, caused by a train of misfortunes over which they have had no control or part in making, leaves you in a position that appeals to the taxpayers of Lincoln county, men and women, to stand by their guns and fight for retrenchment and reform in county expenditures.

It seems to me from a business standpoint that Lincoln county now has a Court House and Jail sufficient for all present wants. If at some future time, success crowns the brave efforts of her mining, mercantile, agricultural and stock raising industries, and Lincoln County is able to join the prosperous counties of the west,

and stand at the front with the highest in riches and resources, I believe the people as a whole would then be willing to build a court house and jail commensurate with their prosperity and wealth. Buildings that would be an adornment and pride to the County and State. Such buildings, conservatively estimated, would possibly cost you \$75,000. To move your county seat now, and put up a cheap class of buildings, could only mean a HIGHER tax rate to your people, and the buildings would only be an eye-sore to strangers and a disgrace to your people.

In expressing myself so fully in the matter I only have the people's good at heart. I am not influenced by any sectional feelings in the matter whatsoever.

I lived some eight or nine months in Caliente a few years ago and was treated by her people with the utmost kindness and respect and hope I still retain their friendship and good will. Certainly, I have always in the past and do in the future wish them all happiness and prosperity.

Very truly yours,  
FRANK E. CAFFEY.

PIOCHE PUBLICITY COMMITTEE.

Miss Kennedy and Prof. Stoner have been engaged to teach the coming term of the public school here.

Mrs. E. F. Freudenthal is spending a few days in town this week with her friends, having come down from Pioche Tuesday.

Ellie Davis is spending a few days in town this week.

Mr. Bradley intends moving to Spring street this week.

Several Piochites were in town this week in the interest of the county seat fight, which is now on in earnest.

Mrs. Charley Turner spent Monday in Pioche visiting with her husband, Mr. Turner, who is employed there.

Billie Culverwell was down from Barley Monday.

Bishop's bridge outfit returned from Delmues Monday, after completing several bridges near there.

Mrs. Watts and Mrs. Lewis, who have been spending a few months on the Lake valley ranch, of which Mr. D. B. Gault is manager, came down from Pioche Wednesday enroute to their home in Los Angeles.

The southern candidates for the Legislature, as they are now termed, returned from their canvass of the northern end of the county and spoke in the highest terms of the hospitality shown them by the farmers.

Judge Laney is out for the office of district attorney. Mr. Laney has been a resident of this county several years, and has many friends who will work hard to secure his election. He is a splendid gentleman, is well versed in law, and if successful at the election in November, should fill the office with satisfaction to all.

Dan Ronnow was in town Thursday, with the ballot boxes and ballots. He departed Friday morning for Delamar a sicko, and will be absent several days.

Hans Ronnow paid Caliente a visit during the week.

Conductor F. H. Mitcham, who was on the Pioche branch railroad for many months, came in from Provo, Utah, on a business trip Thursday. Mitch says Caliente looks good to him and expects to return here some time next month.

W. T. Stewart came over from Alamo Friday on a political errand.

#### NEWS NOTES FROM

#### THE CAMP OF FAY

Fay, Nevada, August 30.—Will Warren and wife and Grandma Lytle of Eagle valley, passed through the city a few days ago on their way home from Yellowstone Park. Will says he did not much appreciate the idea of sleeping out with the lava roaring underneath him and the grizzly bears holding his pillow out from under him hunting for something to eat.

A number of candidates have been called on us. Messrs. Pace, Conaway, Denton and Alquist of Caliente were among the number. They gave us one reason why they wanted the county seat moved; but the people of Fay do not consider the grounds sufficient grounds for the moving of the county seat from Pioche. As taxpayers of the county—the people of Fay are against the proposition, and that fact will be clearly demonstrated on election day.

Ed Lytle was over from Eagle valley one day this week to haul the lumber away from the old Fay saloon.

Mr. Plants, manager of the Bull III mine, has been under the weather this week.

## New Men In Prince Con. Mine

It is reported from reliable authority that the deal which has been pending for some time and which involves a controlling interest in the Prince Consolidated mine, has been consummated. It is said that the new management will take formal control within the next few days, and confirmatory of this report is the announcement that Mr. A. Y. Smith, who is to be the manager, will be in camp again within the next few hours.

#### BIG TRACTOR LEAVES FOR SCENE OF ACTIVITY.

The big traction engine purchased recently by the Valley View Farming company departed for the scene of its future operations in Lake valley this afternoon. The outfit will be placed in commission immediately breaking up land for cultivation next year.

#### DEMOCRATS HOLD A RALLY AT CALIENTE

The first gun of the primary campaign was fired in Caliente last Wednesday evening at a rally at which Chas. Lee Horsey, A. V. Lee and William E. Orr, Democratic candidates, were the speakers. The campaigners are known as the northern candidates and oppose the removal of the county seat.

At the Caliente meeting A. V. Lee expressed his views on the removal question by stating that he thought that within the next few years there will be some great developments in an agricultural way; that the great mass of the population will be up that way, and to move the county seat now would only mean its removal again at some future time to some other point than Caliente, in his opinion, will be; particularly if the agricultural development he spoke of takes place. He went on to say that the northern end of the county offers abundant opportunities for the homeseeker and these opportunities, in view of the fact that the people want land, will be taken advantage of in the near future.

Both Messrs. Horsey and Orr told of the disadvantages to be derived by a change in the seat of government at this time. Following the speaking, which was at Warren's hall, a free dance was given to those assembled, which was greatly enjoyed.

Of course the candidates feel certain that their cause will triumph at the primaries next Tuesday.

#### Personal Items

Mrs. Carman to Entertain.  
Mrs. A. A. Carman will entertain next Wednesday in honor of Miss Dorothy Price, who is to be a September bride.

Mrs. H. Welland and children expect to leave next week for San Bernardino, where they expect to remain during the coming winter.

Miss C. A. Thompson, principal of the Pioche schools, has returned from her summer vacation. The Misses Rittenour and Coakley are expected next week.

Mrs. W. H. Pitts and baby, accompanied by Mrs. Pitts' mother, arrived from Salt Lake yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. King and baby left this week for Salmon City, Idaho, where Mr. King has accepted a lucrative position.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Widdicombe are now comfortably located at their home, the Jackson residence, on Pioche street. Tom Horne, formerly employed by some of the mines here as a machinist, is expected to return to Pioche soon.

E. E. Fuller, Republican candidate for sheriff and assessor, went to Caliente today on political business. He returned last evening from a trip to Fay.

Alex. Lloyd has gone to Portland, on a brief vacation. He expects to be home about September 10th.

A letter from Chas. Schodde in Salt Lake conveys the information that he expects to return to Pioche again soon to look after his mining interests.

Commissioners to Meet.

The board of county commissioners will meet next Monday in regular session. A week from Monday they will meet again to canvass the returns of the primary election.

#### Commercial Club Meeting.

The regular monthly meeting of the Pioche Commercial club will be held on next Wednesday night. This will also be the date for the annual election of a governing board.

Tom Beck is planning a trip to Pioche soon and may decide to stay there for a while.

E. E. Fuller, Republican candidate for sheriff and assessor, came in from Pioche today in the interests of his candidacy.